

REGION XII

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

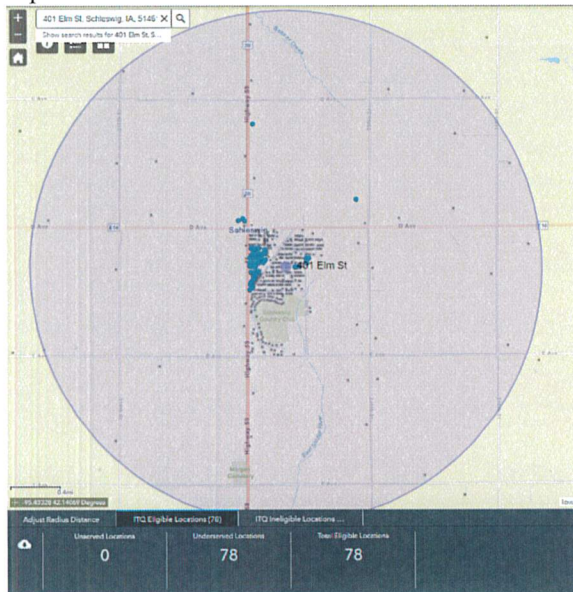
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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

Region XII Council of Governments (COG) is submitting this application on behalf of the City of Schleswig and other cities in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The community of Schleswig, along with other organizations in the identified area have designated the city and the surrounding 2 miles as a geographic area of concern with regards to existing broadband availability. In accordance with the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, the western portion of town struggles to gain high speed internet access which has adversely impacted the community.

Along with the immediate residents of the City of Schleswig, residents in surrounding communities and the unincorporated areas of the county experience barriers to broadband access as well. Although there are existing providers in the area, economic and geographic barriers have made it increasingly difficult to serve residents in more rural areas.

Region XII COG is proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the 13 square mile area in and around the city, located in north-central Crawford County. The prospective intervention zone would bring broadband connectivity to 78 currently underserved residents and businesses in the area as represented below:



The City of Schleswig and other cities in the area depend on reliable communication to maintain the health, safety, and education of their residents. It is important that these communities are able to provide the necessary infrastructure to facilitate this for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Chris Whitaker, Local Assistance Director
Region XII Council of Governments